

Educated in Newmarket, Mrs. Martha Leslie Dies

A former resident of Holland Landing who attended schools there and in Newmarket before entering the teaching profession, Martha Louise Sheppard Leslie, eldest child of the late Thomas and Margaret Sheppard, Holland Landing, and wife of the late George E. Leslie, Carleton Place, passed away in her 84th year in Toronto December 19.

Surviving are a son and two daughters, Frank S. Leslie and Mrs. W. B. VanVleet (Vera), Toronto, and Mrs. Robert Barr (Marjorie), New York, N.Y., also six grandchildren of Toronto and two brothers and two sisters, Frederick J. and Stanley C. Sheppard, who are well known residents of Newmarket and district, and Mrs. C. B. Prosser and Mrs. W. R. Pitman, Toronto.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Sproule of the Church of the Messiah, Toronto. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Sheppard, Newmarket.

Interment was in Carleton Place, Ontario.

Goodwin's Watchman, Ira Bellar Dies

Holland Landing—Ira Crawford Bellar died at his home suddenly on Dec. 22. Born at Sharon, he was the son of the late Isabella Kiteley and Ira Bellar. He married Rachel M. Longfield in 1904.

He was employed as night watchman at Goodwin's tannery at Holland Landing and was an adherent to the United Church. His chief interest was in his home life. He held a Queen's York Rangers certificate in the 1st American Regiment.

Surviving are sons, William Bellar, Lambert Bellar, Arthur Bellar, Roy Bellar and John Bellar, all of Holland Landing, daughters, Mrs. A. Roberts (Vera), Mrs. H. Dennis (Hattie), Mrs. K. Harmon (Glady) and Mrs. Ivan Steeves (Isabella). Twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive all nieces, Mrs. Cecil Bond, New Liskeard, formerly Mary Purdy, Mrs. William Pollock, Beacon Hill, Sask., formerly Elva Hodge, Newmarket, Bessie Hodge, and a nephew, Carl Hodge, both formerly of Newmarket.

The funeral service was held at Roadhouse and Rose, Newmarket, Dec. 24, with Rev. MacTavish, the minister. Interment was at Queensville. Pallbearers were Urwin Tate, Jack Kitching, Wallace Pegg, Elden Goodwin, George Foster and Fred Hollingshead.

Accept Two Works By Newmarket Artist

Newmarket—The Canadian Society of Painters and Water Colorists has accepted two water colors by Frederick Hagan, Court St., for the show to be held in the near future. The works were included in a series Mr. Hagan did last summer in the mines while visiting Alvin Hiltz, former Newmarket resident, at Timmins.

Horticultural Society To Meet January 5

Newmarket—The officers and directors of the Newmarket Horticultural Society will meet in the recreation room of Trinity United church on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m.

As this is an important meeting a full attendance is requested.

Plans Underway For Four Rinks At Public Schools

Newmarket—Outdoor skating will be available on four rinks shortly if there is a return of the cold weather. Employees of the town started work on the outdoor rinks this week. There will be rinks at the Alexander Muir school, King George school and possibly two at the Stuart Scott school.

Lack of foresight was charged in criticisms which followed the arrival of the cold weather over the holiday with little in the way of facilities available for children apart from limited time at the arena.

Over the Christmas weekend there were hockey games at the separate school rink and on a private outdoor rink. But in the absence of Fairley Lake and with the arena being closed Sunday and occupied for other purposes

Monday, children were without places for skating in the cold snap.

A member of the Recreation Commission said yesterday that when the cold weather came, there was not enough time to get men started on the preparation of rinks at the schools. Some of the cushions are in proper order from last year but extras will have to be built.

There were discussions at council in late fall about getting three rinks for outdoor skating, one at each school. Bert Budd, member of the Recreation Commission and also of the 1948 council, brought up the subject for discussion. It was not until Monday, however, that any definite plans were made for leveling the ground, and work was started on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Cotton Mark 30th Anniversary

Newmarket—A reception was held following the evening service last Sunday at Trinity United church to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Cotton. It was attended by a large gathering.

Harold Garrett was chairman and called on Aubrey Davis to give a brief eulogy of the background of the minister. In addition to giving an account of the circumstances leading to the calling of Mr. Cotton to his present pastorate, he spoke especially of the leadership the minister is giving to the congregation of Trinity United and the excellent support given to him by Mrs. Cotton.

Dr. S. J. Boyd, speaking for the session, commended the good work of the minister in building up the congregation, mentioning that during his pastorate of six and a half years the resident membership has been increased 50 percent from a little over 500 to over 800. Dr. Boyd made note of the large number of young people received on profession of faith.

W. J. Patterson, in a few well chosen words, presented a purse to Mr. and Mrs. Cotton on behalf of the official board. Mr. Garrett, speaking for the Sunday school, and H. G. Fowler, as organist and director of music, spoke of the splendid help and co-operation given by the minister in both of these departments.

Kenneth Flett, chairman of the board of stewards, spoke of the splendid work of the minister and of the help given to the board.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton spoke a few words of thanks to the official board for the gift and to the congregation for their loyalty and understanding.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. The knife to cut the wedding cake was brought in on a silver tray by Master Randy Armour, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cotton. This very happy occasion was brought to a close by the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds."

'Grand Old Citizens' Have Quiet Christmas

Newmarket—Two of Newmarket's oldest citizens, Silas Armitage, who will be 99 in February, and Mrs. James Sutherland, who will be 101 in March, celebrated Christmas in good health and spirits.

Mrs. Sutherland, 50 Prospect St., says she is still interested in what is going on in Newmarket. She enjoys good health, reads and also enjoys her food. Mrs. Sutherland spent a quiet Christmas at home with her daughter, grandson and great-grandchildren.

Silas Armitage, 21 Timothy St., has lived in Newmarket for 30 years, since the time he retired. At one time he farmed on Yonge St. near the Eagle St. corner and later was manager of the York County home for 14 years.

Speaking of the high prices, especially of Christmas fowl, Mr. Armitage remembered when farmers sold chickens at 50 cents per pair. "Now you go out with a five dollar bill to buy a chick-

en and you come back with the larger part of it gone," he said. Commenting further on wages, he recalled that when he built the barn on Eagle St. which was destroyed by fire last summer, the head carpenter made \$1.50 for ten hours work. "Now a good carpenter can make that in an hour. Things will be straightened out but I hope they don't get to the state they were in those old days," said Mr. Armitage. The grandfather of Silas Armitage settled on what is now the Robinson farm on Yonge St. in 1804.

Mr. Armitage said he spent a "splendid Christmas." "I just feel like 75 years of age when I'm sitting here, although I can't get around like I did a couple of years ago."

IN HOSPITAL
Newmarket—James Sleight, is in York County hospital and expects to leave shortly for New York for a major operation.

Former Resident Mrs. Ethel Lepard Dies

Newmarket—Mrs. Ethel Lillian Lepard, widow of George Abraham Lepard, died at Angus Christmas Day and was buried at Newmarket cemetery on Tuesday. Death came suddenly to Mrs. Lepard who was well known in Newmarket from 40 years residence on Second St.

Born in Gravenhurst in 1892, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, she married Mr. Lepard in 1900. He predeceased her in 1943. Since his death, Mrs. Lepard had done nursing work. She is survived by two sons, Herman Robert of Clearville and Isaac Milton of Toronto; four daughters, Mrs. Leslie E. Johnson of Maryland, U.S.A., Mrs. Charles Glynn of Malton, Mrs. Wilfred Arneson of Angus, Mrs. Carvel Tutor of Maryland; two brothers-in-law, Stuart Lepard of Newmarket and Milton Lepard of Queensville.

Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau conducted the service which was held at the cemetery chapel. Pallbearers were Daniel Kenny Sr., Daniel Kenny Jr., Stuart Lepard, Milton Lepard, Morley Lepard, and Stanley Lepard.

Paul Morton Member At Boys Parliament

Newmarket—Paul Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morton, Botsford St., is at the Ontario Older Boys Parliament as member for North York. The parliament is in session at the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby this week from Monday to Friday.

A Grade 11 student at Newmarket high school, Paul is 17 years old. He was active in Boy Scout and Cub work when he was younger and is now much interested in Young People's work. He is a member of Trinity United church.

Trinity Anglican S.S. Party Big Success

Aurora—The Trinity Anglican Sunday-school concert was held on December 23. After the children were given their supper, they went upstairs to the Sunday-school room where carols were sung. Rev. K. W. Whatnough showed some beautiful slides on the Nativity, after which a short concert was given by the children of different classes.

The children enjoyed their annual treasure trail under the capable direction of Don Glass and Mr. Coleman. The annual attendance prizes were presented to the children by Mr. W. Books and Mr. Offord. Santa Claus appeared and each child received a parcel of candies, oranges and apples.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the newly formed men's club who provided such a happy evening. A large box of oranges, apples, candies and gifts were sent to the Orange Home at Elgin Mills.

Mrs. John Campbell Wins Fruit Cake

Newmarket—Mrs. John Campbell was the lucky winner of the 14-pound fruit cake donated by Mrs. N. L. Mathews in aid of the United Emergency Fund for Britain. The draw was held at the Veterans' Christmas bazaar held in the town hall on Dec. 22. Fifty dollars was cleared on the venture.

34TH ANNIVERSARY

Aurora—Mr. and Mrs. M. Southwood celebrated their 34th anniversary on December 25.

Expect Milk Up 1c As Farmers Win Single \$4 Price

Born In King Twp. J. I. Sweezie Buried

Newmarket—The funeral of John Isaac Sweezie was held at Roadhouse and Rose chapel on Monday with interment in Newmarket cemetery. He died at Balsam Creek, near North Bay, where he lived.

Born in King township in 1881, Mr. Sweezie was the son of the late Israel Sweezie and Rebecca Raulston. In 1902, he married Maude Deadman who survives him as does his son, Stafford, and his daughter, Mrs. L. W. Corman (Wanita). A sister, Mrs. George R. Tate, also survives.

He attended the United church and as a young man, used to sing in the Holland Landing Methodist church choir. After his marriage, he lived in Toronto for a number of years, moving recently to Balsam Creek.

Rev. F. McTavish conducted the funeral services. The pallbearers were four nephews, Jack Manning, Lorne Ketter, Harold Tate, Marvin Tate, son Stafford, and son-in-law Loyd Corman.

Newmarket—A price increase of one cent a quart for milk to consumers of Newmarket is expected next week under the terms of the arbitration board decision brought down last night. The arbitration board headed by Judge Cowan on 42 Ontario market areas filed their decision with the milk board, to become effective January 5.

No decision has been announced by the arbitration board headed by Judge Moon which is to settle the price paid on the Toronto market.

Newmarket was included in the 42 market areas affected by the decision. Under the terms of the board's findings, the farmers gain their immediate objective of a single price for all quota milk, instead of a primary and secondary price as formerly paid. A price of \$4 per cwt. was set for the Newmarket market.

Newmarket distributors had received no official word of the board's findings Thursday morning but it is expected that if the milk price to farmers increases, the increase will be passed on to the consumers. In Newmarket, such an increase would raise the price of milk from 17 to 18 cents a quart.

Lions Baskets Go To 61 Families

Newmarket—Sixty-one families were recipients of the Lions club Christmas baskets on Christmas Eve as members of the club met at the Bank of Toronto to distribute the much-needed Christmas presents of food, clothing and toys.

With contributions still coming in, it is impossible to strike a fund total, but with this issue, \$870 has been acknowledged. The number of families exceeded by 20 the total of recipients of other years, illustrating the great need for this assistance.

One contribution to be acknowledged this issue is for \$100, given anonymously in the memory of a former member, a contribution of great assistance to the club in meeting the rising cost and increased need for Christmas baskets.

Despite the cold weather of Christmas Eve, there was a good turn-out of Lions club members to assist in the distribution of parcels which were financed by contributions from the public.

Previously acknowledged \$732.

In memory of a former member

member 100.
Bert Gibbons 2.
Fred Hoover 1.
C. E. Wheeland 2.
St. Paul's Ladies' Aid 10.
Mrs. J. S. Osborne 2.
Mrs. Hare 2.
Students' Council N.E.S. 10.
James Boyd 1.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Bovair 2.
J. R. Lockhart 5.
Total \$870.

See Hot Contest For Whitchurch Council

With two candidates for reeve, two for deputy-reeve and six for the three council seats, there is considerable interest in the Whitchurch twp. election which takes place Thursday, Jan. 4.

Contesting the office of reeve are Lorne P. Evans, reeve for the last three years, and Edward Logan who has been deputy-reeve for the last three years and is council for four years. Two members of the 1948 council are seeking the deputy-reeveship.

They are L. J. Harper with six years' experience on council and Ivan McLaughlin with five years.

The only 1948 member seeking re-election as a councillor is Fred Timbers, Stouffville, who has had two years on council. Herman Kidd, Ballantrae, a former reeve for seven years, is in the running for council. The rest of the candidates are making their first attempt. They are Ross Armitage, R. C. Bayeroff, Gormley, P. S. Legge and Geo. Styles, Cedar Valley.

HONOR NIGHT OPERATOR



Pictured above is Miss Annie Tunney who was honored by Bell Telephone operators at their Christmas party and turkey dinner held at the Scout hall. The banquet marked the 30th anniversary for Miss Tunney with the Bell. She has been night operator here for 30 years. At the party were the telephone operators and ex-operators, friends of Miss Tunney's. She received flowers from the Bell Company and friends including 30 red roses from the Newmarket Taxi. Photo by Budd.

Aurora Couple Mark 60th Anniversary

Aurora—On Dec. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cousins, residents of Aurora for the past 18 years, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Lorne A. Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Cousins received over 50 guests during the afternoon and evening, including their two sons Lorne and Archie of Aurora, and a daughter, Claire of New Bedford, Mass. Seven of their eight grandchildren and one of their two great-grandchildren were also present. Ten bouquets of flowers were received including a floral tribute of 60 American Beauty roses from their family. The Aurora town council attended as a body, presenting Mr. and Mrs. Cousins with a banner. Eighteen telegrams tendering congratulations were received, including one from King George and Queen Elizabeth and one from Premier T. L. Kennedy of Ontario. A provincial certificate of congratulations was also received. Mr. Cousins presented his wife with a diamond ring while she gave him a gold chain.

Mrs. Cousins, the former Jenny Morrow, celebrated her 85th birthday last August. She was born in Purpleville, Ontario, of a family known for their role as pioneers in the development of Ontario. Mr. Cousins, who will be 86 next week, was born a few miles south of Aurora on Yonge St.

Mr. and Mrs. Cousins were married at the home of Mrs. Cousins' father, Archie Morrow, in Toronto. Reverend Dr. S. Parker officiated. They first settled in the old Morrow home, at Purpleville where they farmed for 16 years. They then moved to Pine Grove. Eleven years later they retired in Woodbridge, coming to Aurora 12 years ago.

Conciliation Board To Sit Dec. 31

The conciliation board set up in the dispute between the Office Specialty Manufacturing Company Limited and the International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL), begins its sittings in Toronto on Friday, Dec. 31. The chairman of the board is His Honor Judge H. F. Fuller, Welland.

The Ontario minister of labor ordered that a conciliation board be constituted when the parties failed to reach agreement on June 1949 contract.

The officers elected for the Newmarket local of the International Woodworkers of America for 1949 are: pres., James Raymond; vice pres., Jack Fisher; financial secretary, Charlie Wass; recording secretary, Arthur Brice; pro tem; three-year trustee, Jack Giffin; warden, Jack Sutton; conductor, Lorne Pymter.

VISIT HOME

Aurora—The B.Y.P. of Aurora Baptist church visited the York County Home on Monday evening, Dec. 29. They put on a splendid concert. Santa went along with them, bringing fruit and cookies for the inmates.

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Newmarket—Miss Ethel Wardman was rushed to York County hospital for an appendix operation on Wednesday.

PURCHASES HOME

Mrs. Roy Arnold, Queensville, has purchased the Thos. Burke house on Simcoe St. W. in Newmarket.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 4—Euchre in Sharon hall, sponsored by the ladies of St. James' W.A. Time 8 o'clock. Admission 35c. 1c19

Wednesday, Jan. 5—Euchre at Vancord hall, at 8 p.m. Auspices of Vancord Social club. Proceeds for community rink. Door price. 1c19

Wednesday, Jan. 5—Newmarket Veterans' Association bingo in town hall at 8 p.m. Jackpot \$25. Attendance price 35c. Share the wealth. Special games. Admission 35c. 1c19

Thursday, Jan. 6—Regular monthly euchre to be held in the Legion hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Canadian Legion. Admission 35c. 1c19

Friday, Jan. 7, 1949—Evening euchre, sponsored by the Queensville Women's Institute to be held in the schoolhouse. 1c19

New Year's Eve Frolic at Newmarket high school auditorium under the auspices of the Newmarket Lions club. Good lunch, prizes, dances and novelties. Norm Burling and his King's Men. \$4 per couple. 1c19

Dancing every Saturday evening at Club 14, Millard Ave., Newmarket, to Max Boag and his orchestra. 1c19

Skating in Queensville arena every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Every Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission 25c. Skating, New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. on. 1c19

Dancing at Blue Bird Inn every Wednesday and Saturday nights at Armitage. Bill Smith's orchestra. 1c19

Every Wednesday night—Dance to Norm Burling and his King's Men at Tottenham community hall. Admission 50 cents. 1c19

Every Saturday night—At Belhaven, modern and old time dancing. Norm Burling and his King's Men. Admission 50 cents. 1c19

Dance at Vancord Christmas and New Year's night to Norm Burling and his King's Men. Returning for continuous Saturday night dances, January 8, at Belhaven hall. Modern and old time. Admission 50c. 1c19

Want A Resolution? Take Your Pick

By JACK STREUTHERS

Since man first started a system of measuring time in 365 and a quarter day lots, he has probably been making and breaking New Year's resolutions.

Some people take resolutions seriously and conform to them religiously throughout the year. We decided to interview people who were most likely to make resolutions and most likely not to take them seriously. First of all we approached the mayor of the town and told him that, as mayor, he should set an example to all citizens and make some worthy resolutions. He suspected a trick but was good about it.

"I resolve, as an individual, to be kind to animals, as mayor, to be kind to The Era and Express and not to lose my temper in council meetings," said the mayor. The last one will be easy for him because he never does lose his temper at council meetings.

The Newmarket post office had about the heaviest harvest of mail on record. The post office staff with an added crew of eight, attacked mountains of Christmas mail which almost crowded them out of the building at times and they worked long hours to get it cleared.

We thought that the postmaster, L. P. Cane, might have made some strong New Year's resolutions after such a heavy mailing year. We heard what we hoped for. Said Mr. Cane, "I solemnly resolve to do all my next personal Christmas mailing in August. Thank you." The rest of the post office staff thought that would be a good idea.

Fred S. Thompson, chairman of the hydro commission, had a bumper year in 1948. During the hydro shortage, Mr. Thompson was a combination diplomat, policeman, journeyman preacher and public relations man. He spent hours of his time reprimanding, consoling and pleading

with people. He delved into the intricate mysteries of electricity, wiring, hot water heaters and kilowatt hours to answer thousands of pointed questions from irritated power consumers. He coached industries, merchants and householders through their private projects on power consumption. The same can be said of Mr. Thompson's colleague, Mr. William Young.

"The first thing I will do in 1949 is read and memorize every chapter of 'How to win friends and influence people' in case there are any more hydro shortages," resolved Mr. Thompson. We feel that Mr. Thompson could probably write the book himself.

In search of more New Year's resolutions, we picked out a Main St. businessman at random, Bert Budd, the photographer. Mr. Budd was philosophical about the coming year. "It's merely a point of time and I will continue as usual. The rest is in the hands of fate," he said.

"But have you any resolutions in mind?" we asked.

"For the books," said Mr. Budd. "I resolve not to break any New Year's resolutions, period."

Ginger, The Era and Express office cat, author of a column on the editorial page, had this to say: "New Year comes only once a year and that's the whole trouble with New Year's. There's too much time in between each New Year which makes it novel every time it rolls around. People get entirely too worked up about the whole thing with a lot of nonsense about making resolutions. They tooled horns at each other like blithering whatifs and slap each other on the back. It's all for no particular good season except that it's different from what's usually going on. Frankly, I think it's a lot of ballyhoo. And what's more I hereby resolve to have nothing to do with it again. Thank you."

Pages from the Editor's Notebook

The season brought us more than our share of memories for this Christmas Day was one of the most comfortable we have spent. For one thing, the tin drum had been snatched from the tree before the children saw it, and it is now safely hidden where even their curious hands will never touch it. For another, a nip on the ginger couch (while the women did the dishes) eased that anguish of an over-baked digestive system.

But of all our memories, those of the children are the ones we will remember best. There was a period of growing anxiety preceding Christmas Day: "Would Santa be able to get through the chimney?" "Would it be too cold for him?" "Would he have enough presents?" In an effort to direct these questions, we brought the Christmas tree home early (with a resultant reward of a fresh crop of dried needles every morning), set it up in the living-room and had the children decorate it.

They put in two days at the job—two days of unremitting effort on their part—followed by an equal period in which they took all the decorations off again. On their second try, helped in the process by stern admonitions from the old man, they tangled the tree thoroughly in tinsel and ribbon and appeared quite satisfied with the job. The following night, we hung a few candy canes well above their reach. But accidents will happen—at the rate of three or four a day—and in no time at all, there were no candy canes.

The arrival of the turkey was another highlight. The big, glistening bird was escorted to the kitchen amid triumphant shouts which were stifled in awe as the bird was set down on the table where all could examine him at close range. Stella was the disappointed one. She peered into the internal recesses of the bird and with tears in her voice insisted her mother send the turkey back. "It's hula, mamma." It took us some time to convince her that it was all in the natural order of things.

Christmas morning was, of course, hectic. The plans of the night before were laid with care. The children would be awakened, clothed and fed before allowed to see the gifts at the tree. But the planning itself was so exhausting that we slept in, to be awakened in confusion by shouts of "Dolly, dolly," as Stella found her doll in its new carriage, and "What's that, mamma?" as Genevieve gazed over his scooter in its gleaming paint. It took us two hours to herd them to the kitchen for breakfast, but it was time easily beguiled despite the pressure of preparation for Christmas dinner.

And now the tree is a poor bedraggled thing but wearing its remaining decorations bravely, and the more vulnerable of the trees have long since been picked apart by enquiring fingers. Even their more durable partners in a merry Christmas are showing obvious signs of wear. The favorites have been chosen and the others discarded so carelessly that if parents were at all sensitive to their children's absolute decisions, there would be some very tender feelings as gifts chosen with care and confidence in their ability to please are ignored in the corner while the last-minute choices (at one-tenth the price) are prized far beyond their value.

But the ways of children are inscrutable and never the more so than on Christmas Day, and we have no choice but to modify our ways to theirs and enjoy them in their childhood.

From the Files of 25 and 50 Years Ago

The firemen received two calls last Friday, according to the files of 25 years ago. At 2:30 there was a chimney fire at Samuel Granger's home which was extinguished before it did any damage. At 3:30 a chimney on the house occupied by Mr. Simmerson and owned by Thomas Blizard caught fire. These two fires were only a block or two apart.

Miss Alden Arnold entertained a party of about 40 young people at her home on New Year's night.

The skating on the pond has been good since Saturday and a lot of people took advantage of it on New Year's Day.

Miss Althea Richardson of the Westminster hospital staff, London, is spending New Year's leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

George Morning, who has been at the Halifax branch of the Office Specialty Co. for some time, is home for the holidays.

Cutters and sleighs were out on Saturday, the first of the season. Just enough snow for good sleighing.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock Currey have moved from Durham to Newmarket and are now settled in the homestead on Botsford St.

A few of the young people at Holt were entertained at a progressive croquet party on New Year's Eve at the home of Mr. Gould.

The Christmas mail at the post office, both in and out, was the largest ever known in Newmarket.

Midwest December on record for over 20 years.

Misses Maud and Lou Richardson attended a family gathering at Mr. Will Richardson's, Windsor, on New Year's Day.

An interesting curling match took place last Monday afternoon at the rink, according to the files of 50 years ago. Sides were chosen by the president of the curling club, Father Morris, and the vice president, T. H. Beaton. The score was 26-20 in favor of Father Morris' side.

Ed Leblanc, who has been teaching school near Bradford, is going to Normal school at Ottawa the coming term.

It was 12 degrees below zero on Wednesday morning.

Post office inspector Burnham visited the post office last Friday and complimented postmaster Bastedo on the improvements that were made recently.

Andrew Hunter, Jr., has moved back to town from Sundridge where he resided during the past two years.

The furnace at the high school are being overhauled this week.

A horse belonging to Chas. Smith, Gorham St., attached to a cutter, became unmanageable while driving downtown on Tuesday night and ran into Jacob Taylor's new cutter, damaging the side.

Quite a number are taking advantage of free skating on the millpond.

J. R. Y. Broughton, accompanied by his brother, Harry, Toronto College of Pharmacy, spent Christmas with their parents at Bradford.

At 8 o'clock last Saturday night a fire started in The Willows, one of the oldest residences in Newmarket. A coal-oil lamp exploded and considerable damage was done by smoke and fire.

A family gathering took place at Asa Phillips' home on Young St. last Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Armitage, who has been here on a month's visit, left this week for her home in Port Hope, Mich.

A Page of Comment

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Why The Delay?

The action of the Toronto board on milk prices in postponing its decision is incomprehensible. The contract by which producers shipped milk to Toronto expired October 31; the arbitration board was to have decided upon the terms of the new contract to have begun November 1. The unexplained postponement of the board's decision puts the producer in the position of having to ship his milk in good faith supported only by the precedent established by the expired contract, the faults of which led to setting up of the board in the first place.

There is no apparent reason for the board to postpone its decision and by doing so the board has left itself open to grave suspicions. If, as has been rumored, the board does not intend to announce its decision until well into the new year, the conclusion will be drawn that it is "stalling for time". Stalling would be most advantageous to the city dairies in bargaining with the producer.

At present, the farmer has the better bargaining position in relation to the market, but as the supply of milk increases, he loses the advantage. Too, the longer the decision is delayed, the more likely the producer is to accept terms he would have rejected in December from sheer frustration and a desire to recoup as much as possible of the loss he is now sustaining.

Delay may be an accepted part of bargaining procedure in the business world just as a snap agreement may be equally acceptable in a different context. But when delay becomes the apparent tactic of an arbitration board, the board's neutrality becomes suspect.

The longer the arbitration board withholds its decision, the more doubtful milk shippers are going to be of its impartiality, and it will be in the light of those doubts that they will examine the board's decision.

Larger Post Office Needed

The annual congestion at Newmarket post office again brings the attention to the need for house-to-house mail service and improvement generally of the facilities to serve the public. No matter how large a staff of "extras" is hired for Christmas, there is too great a demand upon the efforts of the regulars to permit them to serve the public over wicket as the public has the right to expect.

More room and a larger staff of trained clerks would reduce the delays that are so inconvenient in seasonal rushes. The actual growth of Newmarket since the post office was built should be sufficient to warrant an increase in the size of the building and the staff. The potential growth makes it impossible to avoid the issue.

Woodlot Better Than Bond

One way of looking at the bush lot is suggested by a recent statement of Mr. Robson Black, president of the Canadian Forestry Association. He asks: "Have you 25 acres of woods?" and continues: "If you have, why not call it your \$2,800 bond? The interest coupons are provided by the yearly increment of growth. Your little forest quite easily may contain a total volume of 25 cords to the acre. That would add up to between 600 and 700 cords. Half of it may be of sawlog quality which establishes a value of \$2,100 just as the trees now stand. The rest we might turn into firewood and that would build up another \$700. So the contents of your 25 acres look better than \$2,800 as the price tag on the tree trunks."

Unlike a \$2,800 bond, however, those 25 acres of bush have a continuing value beyond the "interest" of the annual "increment of growth". The bush will hold water on land, provide shelter against wind and snow and offer a refuge for wild life. Such values cannot be easily calculated but there is no question of their worth.

When you cash your bond, you forfeit your interest for an immediate settlement. When you cut your bush, you not only forfeit the interest but the water and soil conserving qualities which few farmers can afford to lose.

Spirit Of Giving

Most of us have a cause to which we subscribe at Christmas. It may be the white gifts of the annual church services, the Lions Christmas basket fund or any one of the numerous other service groups which seek assistance at Christmas time. Or it may be that we share in the mass Christmas giving of the Women's Institutes, a nd similar organizations. Whatever the choice, there are few whose Christmas giving is confined to the immediate members of the family.

So extensive is this extra effort, that we doubt if it could ever be calculated in terms of cost and energy. Some idea of its wide variety may be had from the columns of this week's issue where instance after instance of giving is recorded, of baskets packed, of remembrance of shut-ins or the homeless, of concern for those thousands of miles away as well as within our own community.

It seems to us that the record of this Christmas giving offers a resounding rebuttal to claims that the meaning of Christmas is lost. The manner in which it is remembered has passed through an amazing cycle of changes through the years, but the growing concern for others at Christmas time indicates that the spirit of Christmas is far from lost.

The Forum:

Other Editors' Opinions

Midland Free Press Herald—We learn that many of our federal and provincial government employees are now working only from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily, with half days off on Saturday, two or three weeks' vacation annually, and up to three weeks per annum sick leave with pay.

It is to be hoped that not too many of our employees, and civil servants are "our employees", take advantage of all these opportunities to avoid work.

Farmers are still laboring long hours. Many industries are still working from 44 to 48 hours weekly. Just why government employees who have the advantage of permanence of employment, should be granted a much shorter work week, is beyond us.

Most farmers are short of labor. So are many industries.

Most of us also agree that our income taxes, excise taxes, sales taxes and many other imposts designed to support sizeable staffs of government employees are too high. They leave us short of dollars for many necessities.

Might we, therefore, suggest that the voters cast their ballots in the next provincial and federal elections for those candidates who pledge themselves to eliminate the inequality in the working week between the various classes of citizens.

If we are all to work 40 hours a week, let the farmer do it too and price his food accordingly.

If our civil servants are to work only 35 hours per week, let them be paid accordingly.

After six years in Ottawa we firmly believe that there is hardly one department of government which would not function far more efficiently if the departmental heads were ordered to cut their staff by one-quarter having regard only for efficiency. Reduced staff and a longer work week for civil servants might well cut taxes and increase general productivity to a degree that inflation would be substantially curbed.

Brantford Expositor—"Have you ever been to the east coast? Or the west? Or both?" The chances are that most readers will have to answer one or two or perhaps all three of these questions in the negative. On that account, the surprising thing is not that Canadians have so little national spirit, but they have so much!

"What do they know of England who only England knows?" asked the poet. What do they know of Canada who do not even know half or quarter of their geographically widespread country?

Niagara Falls Review—We have never been able to understand why anyone should expect to make drunkenness an excuse for the commission of a crime. If it is necessary, the Criminal Code should be amended to take care of such a defence, which should never be considered a good defence.

Early to bed and early to rise will help save power and rest your eyes.—Galt Reporter.

Office Cat reports Catnips By Ginger

Well, boss, I went down to the city and interviewed old man 1948. He was hanging around with his scythe over his shoulder at the CBC studios in a state of advanced senility. He was afraid of bad publicity. Every time the one o'clock time signal beeped the old bird got into a state of a tizzy. He would fidget and chew his finger nails and mumble "so little time, so little time."

"You are not long for this world, O bearded one," I says in a lead to old man 1948.

"But there are so many things I have left undone," he fretted. "I started out with such good intentions and look what I've done. Nothing. Things are no better than they were last New Year. I tell you a year is too short a time. You just can't accomplish anything in twelve months."

"Don't look so down in the mouth, dad," I said. "Things weren't so bad. At least you got through without a large scale war blowing up in your face."

"Yes but what will everybody say about me when I'm gone? What have I done to gain any good publicity or recognition? Will the history books say that in 1948 such and such a thing took place, a turning point in the history of civilization?"

"You got the oleomargarine ban lifted, didn't you?"

"That was coincidence. But look at the unrest in the world, the labor troubles, the civil wars, threats of wars, and crimes. They will blame me for the failure of the Gallup pole this year, the B.C. floods, the Ontario provincial election and so many other unpleasanties. Oh, what a sad old year I am. If only I could do some last minute thing that would compensate for the gloomy side of the picture. But my time is getting shorter and nothing will happen."

"There is a bright side if you look at it in the right light," I said. "The new prince was born in 1948. That was a good thing. Most people had the biggest Christmas they have had in years. Business continued to boom without any depression yet. The world is still going around and no atomic bombs went off. What more can a veer ask for?"

"What I had hoped for was that mankind would sharpen up a bit. I had hoped for a new light to dawn when humanity would find a conscience," said 1948. "I thought I would maybe have a chance with the United Nations. That was my pet when I started out but I couldn't get anywhere. Look at the hundreds of years of teaching we years have given humanity and from what I can see we don't seem to be getting any results. I sure hope my descendants have better luck."

While having lunch at the Crookadero Club I got an idea that might cheer up the old guy and I rushed back to the studio. He was still babbling at the radio people who paid no attention to him.

"Look here old gnarled one," I said, "why don't you throw everything to the wind, stop worrying about it and join in the celebrations Friday night. You've done enough for one year. Let's let by-gones be by-gones. Nobody will have any hard feelings. You can have a New Year's fling in every time belt on the globe and go out shouting."

There was a new light in the old man's eyes. "By golly, maybe you're right," he said.

We rushed down to the air lines ticket office and bought passage around the world with one-hour stop-overs in every time belt. With luck he will make every New Year's celebration around the world and, following the sun, he will add hours to his life. I left old 1948 in a department store buying up whistles, horns and hats.

"By golly, if anybody's got a right to celebrate, I have," he said. "Yippee, happy New Year everybody."

by "Back Concession" The Top Six Inches

Monday, Dec. 27, the Whitechurch twp. annual meeting and nomination got underway at 2 p.m. From 1 to 2 o'clock the candidates had to fill out the necessary papers. At 2 o'clock the clerk, John Crawford, called the meeting to order. Candidates for reeve were Evans and Logan; deputy-reeve, Harper, McLaughlin; for council, Baycroft, Timbers, Kidd, Armitage, Legge. The nominator and seconder each spoke in favor of their candidate.

Evans spoke about county roads and the green area around Toronto. He did not explain what this green area was. Logan spoke on county council and thought when Evans said last year he would retire that he should be as good as his word. McLaughlin spoke on the hard surface road around Musselman's Lake.

Question from the floor: Did the candidate think it right to hard surface a road only used two months each year while other roads were used 12 months? The candidate said there had to be a start made some place.

Harper gave a good report on expenditure. Baycroft said he had not given his consent as a candidate. Timbers said the council had stayed within its budget for the year, that he had been in the council for three years and would be an asset to the council.

Kidd thought the building law was wrong, that his experience would be great value to council. Armitage said that complaints going to the council were not given proper attention, or at least the council never notified those who made the complaint. He suggested a ratepayers' association, one in each sub-polling division.

Legge said by the look of the slate there was going to be a much needed shake-up, that he had said last year he would stand and was going to do so. There were some well told jokes by this candidate.

The clerk told why the building by-law was passed; outlined the high school bus route; said that the twp. had fire protection from Aurora, Stouffville and Newmarket, and that the farmers could call any one or at least the one closest to them; that when the Hope commission report comes in there would have to be a twp. school board set up. All these things caused a real discussion from the floor. The clerk answered all questions and explained the law in each case.

This ended the meeting inside. Outside there was a real discussion by small groups. Why should we turn out pheasants in a climate not suited for them? Why was there not a detailed report like other years? Some said the weed spray was no good. Others said it was fine. Why the ridge on each side of the road could not be cut off and let the water off the road. Many things were discussed.

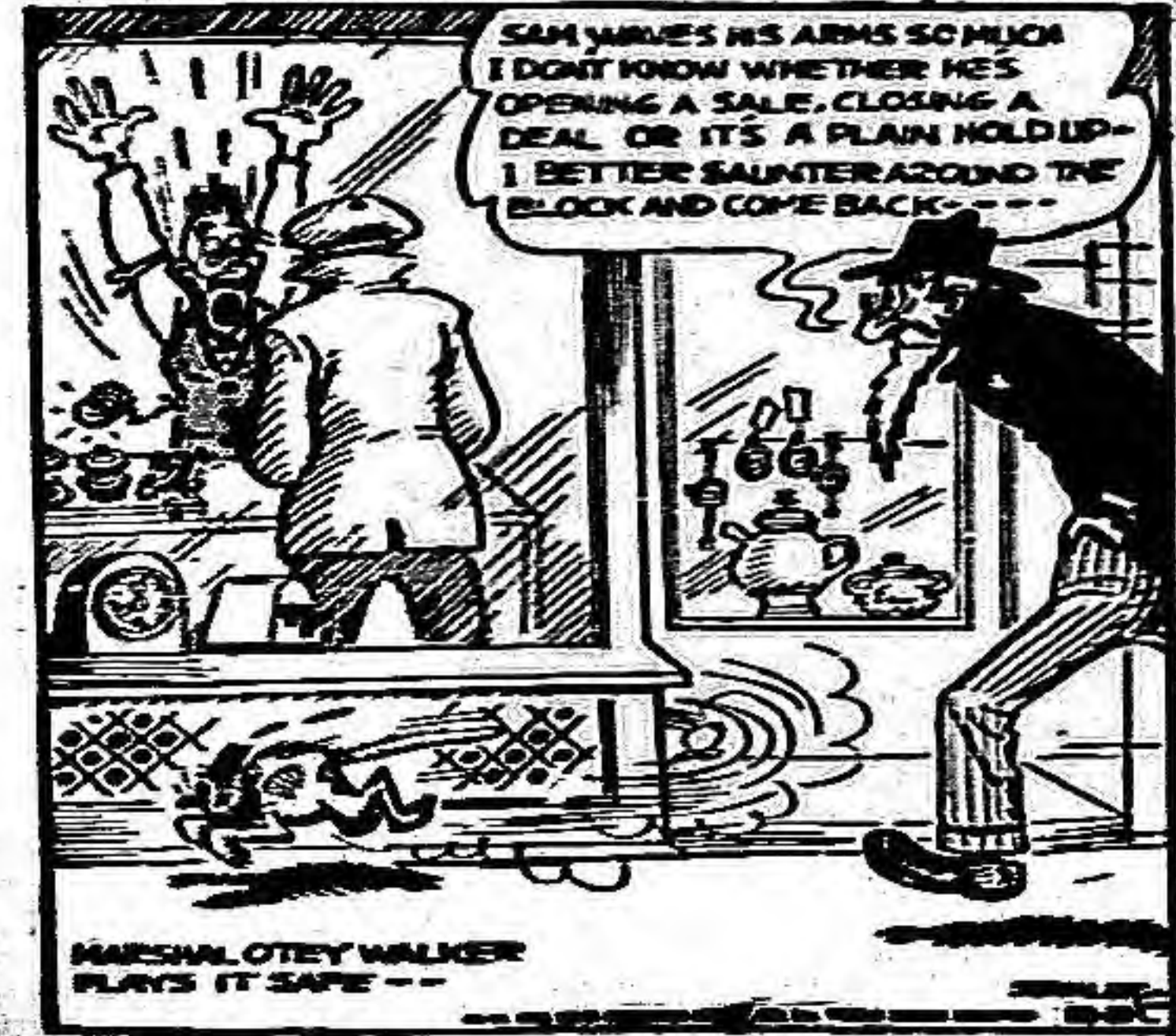
Although it was near chore time, the farmers did not seem to want to leave. For some reason there was a lot of interest. The writer thought while listening outside that all that was needed for each group to become a ratepayers' association was a president to take charge and a secretary to take a record. There were plenty of things around that the council should know. But all suggestions were wasted because there was no organization. This is just what a farmer saw and heard at a township meeting. The writer, being interested in farm organizations, thought the candidate for farm organization could have been clearer but he had a good point.

It will be interesting to watch what will happen in Whitechurch. Will the farmer organize or will he let it pass in talk outside the hall door. Well, cheerio.

"MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TAKE A POLL"



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The method prescribed for creating the Fund is the collection of a special fee, when required, from each person to whom is issued either an operator's or a chauffeur's license.

Although to date no fees have been collected from those operating motor vehicles, the legislation has been in effect since the 1st of July, 1947, and many judgments have been paid by the Department pending the creation of the Fund.

Effective with the issue of 1949 motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' licenses, an additional fee of 50 cents (50c) will be collected from each person to whom is issued a 1949 license, which fee will be known as the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund fee and will be set aside solely for the purpose of creating the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund.

This is not an annual fee and no further fee will be collected from motor vehicle drivers for this purpose until the Fund is exhausted or so nearly so as to indicate that there is not sufficient in the Fund to pay judgments for a period of at least one year.

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News of the District

Follows on This and Succeeding Pages

Fall On Ice Breaks Hip N. Hall In Hospital

Mount Albert — Mr. Herbert Hall was taken to the General Hospital last week after breaking his hip in a fall on the ice. Charlie Peterson, who was brought home from Sunnybrook hospital for the holidays, suddenly took a bad turn and had to return to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eade and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Archer and Benny, Miss B. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Art Boe spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. Sinclair.

Mr. Doug. McIntyre, Montreal, spent Christmas with his family in town.

The members of the C.G.I.T. were out singing carols to the sick and shut-ins which were greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Young and family spent the Christmas weekend in Napanee.

Miss Mamie Shapter, who teaches at Alton, is spending the holidays at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graham and Miss Smoekum, Newmarket, were Christmas guests of the Misses Graham.

Christmas visitors from Toronto were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Allison and Betty with Mr. and Mrs. T. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Degeer, Etta Stokes, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stokes and Garry of Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagg, Linda and Jim of Belleville spent the weekend with Mrs. W. D. Stokes.

A family party was held on

C.G.I.T. Candlelight Service Well Received

Mount Albert — (Delayed) — Sunday evening in the United church, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas and lighted by candles, the members of the C.G.I.T. and their leaders, Mrs. Bruce Rolling and Mrs. Jim Harrison, held a national Christmas and vesper service. The program for C.G.I.T. organizations, which was given all across Canada, made a very impressive service as the girls each took their parts and Mrs. Rolling gave the story. Then followed the candle-lighting to symbolize the purpose of the C.G.I.T., to cherish health, seek truth, know God serve others, and thus with His help become the girls God would have them be. The collection of \$17.75 goes to the C.G.I.T. committee, Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. The parents and friends of the C.G.I.T. are justly proud of the members and the service they held.

Mrs. Macpherson of Carleton Place is spending Christmas at the home of her son, Dr. G. W. E. Macpherson.

Miss Ann Carruthers is home from Toronto University for the holidays.

Mr. Geo. Scott suffered a heart attack, which will confine him to the house, while at work one day last week.

The Christmas services were largely attended on Sunday. At the morning service, the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the congregation heard a very fine Christmas message from the pastor, Rev. Shapter, and many carols and special music by the choir.

The Sunday-school service was also a Christmas nature and many children gave recitations, solos, and all sang Christmas carols. Mrs. H. Harmon gave the Christmas story with the flannelgraph which makes it very real to children and also the grown-ups. The children then presented their White Gifts, which will be sent to Fred Victor Mission and then the teachers had a treat of nuts and candies for all.

Mrs. Hugh Price spent the weekend in Toronto at the home of her son, Mr. Arthur Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oldham, Irma, Sask., are visitors at the home of their aunt, Miss Jennie Oldham.

Mrs. Ethel Harmon is able to be out again after being confined to the house for some time with a bad ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Nash and Shirley, Hamilton, were weekend guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Carruthers.

The pupils of the public school put on a very fine Christmas concert on Saturday evening in the town hall when parents and friends filled the auditorium and listened to excellent singing and short plays, each one doing his part in a manner that showed careful training by their teachers, and shows there will be no lack of talent in the coming years.

Miss Joan Mainprize spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Toronto.

The ladies of the Woman's Association and Women's Institute packed 30 boxes of food for Britain last week which were sent to friends of people in the community and the ladies are very grateful for all the help they received both in packing and financially.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carr were in Toronto on Sunday and visited Mrs. H. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Cain, Sutton, spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. S. Cain.

Mrs. Agnes Crowle has recently returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Maguire of Kirkland Lake.

Miss B. Joan Pearson is leaving the day after Christmas to visit her cousin, Mrs. Kerr, at South Bend Indiana, U.S.A.

Christian S.S. At Keswick Visited By Santa

Keswick — (Delayed) — The Christian Sunday-school held its annual Christmas tree party on Friday evening, Dec. 17. After the singing of carols led by Mrs. Serriek at the piano and Miss B. Terry, violin, there was an interesting program of vocal and instrumental music, and readings by the seniors and recitations, songs and piano solos by the scholars. Santa Claus arrived with plenty of gifts for all. He was followed by a social hour and lunch. It was an especially fine evening and much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gillson, West Hill, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, Toronto, moved to their new home, "Cedar Glen," on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morton are entertaining the family for Christmas this year with Miss Mary Morton and a friend from Moulton College, Toronto, at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Wm. Holborn will have her family at home for Christmas including Mr. and Mrs. King and son of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Holborn and family of Belhaven, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holborn of Ravenshoe.

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Serriek will have as Christmas guests Mr. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sinclair, all of Ringwood.

Schomberg Couple Mark 51st Anniversary

Schomberg — Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Bowman observed their 51st wedding anniversary on Dec. 22. They were married in Aurora by Rev. Dewey and are now on the farm with their son, Bert. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are 79 and 80 years of age respectively and enjoy comparatively good health.

Heavy Seasonal Mail Delays News Copy

Much of the news on this and succeeding pages was intended for last week's issue of The Era and Express. Unfortunately, none of it arrived through the mail in time for use, most of it arriving on Wednesday at a time when the paper was already on the press. The seasonal congestion in the mails, greater than usual, was responsible for the delays.

We regret the inconvenience caused, particularly to those correspondents whose news budgets contained announcements of coming events. We had no choice except to push the paper ahead to have it in the mail as early as possible to help the over-burdened post office staffs.

KESWICK

Miss Myrtle Lloyd, Toronto, is spending Christmas with her aunt, the Misses Marritt, at Keswick Beach.

Miss Bessie Terry spent Christmas with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Frank Marritt, who suffered a fractured arm in an accident last week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purdy left on Monday morning for Sarasota, Florida.

Miss Miriam Koch, San Salvador, Central America, now attending Moulton College, Toronto, is spending Christmas holidays with Miss Mary Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morton.

Mrs. Rowena Stork and Penny Jane are home from Whitby for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron King and Wayne spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval King.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Atchison, Bob and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McEachern and Ronnie spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morton.

Miss Peggy Locke, second-year student at Toronto University, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Locke, for the holidays.

Christmas party at Mr. and Mrs. Murv. Connell's included Mr. and Mrs. Royden Connell and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Connell and family, Misses Patti and Lillian Connell, Jim Bell and Jack Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacInnis and Terry of Calgary who were expected home for Christmas were unable to come because of Donald breaking his leg and Mrs. MacInnis' father being ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Metcalfe spent Christmas weekend in Bowmanville.

White Gifts To Aid Hungry In England

Pottageville — (Delayed) — A White Gift service was held in the United church on Sunday morning. The donations of canned goods will go to the needy in England. Following the church service, the Sunday-school held its treat for the children with prizes for regular attendance and a stocking for everyone present.

We are glad to report Mr. Irish is home again after a week's illness in St. Michael's hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The S.S. 13, King school, held its Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 20.

A number of the ladies met at the home of Mrs. John Cutting on Saturday to pack Christmas stockings.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith and family and Mrs. Jacob Smith spent Christmas with Mrs. G. Silverthorn of Islington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kavanagh had the family home for Christmas.

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School begins on Monday, Jan. 3.

The Women's Institute is holding a euchre in the school on Friday, Jan. 7. Good prizes.

Queensville — (Delayed) —

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Methel and Roger, Zephyr, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Milsted on Saturday.

A beautiful White Gift service was held in the United church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Miles visited Mrs. Miles' mother, Mrs. Jacob Smith, on Sunday.

A large crowd attended the Sunday-school concert and spent an enjoyable evening.

Glad that Jimmie Peregrine is able to be out again after several weeks' illness.

The McGill children have been quite sick with the flu. We are glad to report them better.

Miss Violet Jones, Aurora, was the guest of Miss Edna Skinner over the weekend.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. R. Penny is in York County hospital having had pneumonia. We are pleased to hear she is improving favorably.

Mrs. E. Cratchley and Catharine spent Saturday with Mrs. B. Aylward.

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Gormley W.I. Sends Aid To Mission, Hospital

Mount Pleasant (Delayed) — The season's first snow storm reduced the attendance at the December meeting of the Gormley Women's Institute at Mrs. Ian Reid's home on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Approximately 15 members turned out and the handkerchief shower amounted to about three dozen which were donated to the Orange Orphanage. Arrangements were made to send the annual donations to the Fred Victor Mission and Hospital for Sick Children. It was decided to discontinue the monthly quiltings for the winter months. There was the annual exchange of Christmas gifts and the program consisted of The Story of the Mistletoe by Mrs. Roy Howlett, a Christmas contest by Mrs. Reid and won by Mrs. Harry Smith and a Christmas poem read by Mrs. Montgomery.

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Smith and pupils of S. S. No. 7, Whitechurch, put on their Christmas entertainment which was enjoyed by parents and friends alike. Of course there was Santa, making his timely appearance to pass out the gifts and candies that were on the Christmas tree. Many thanks, S. S. No. 7, for an enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Landsborough and Mrs. Wm. Milne, Toronto, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. R. Baycroft and family.

Mr. Fred Terry left on Monday to spend a few days in the Parry Sound district.

Mrs. George Smith had to forego her last day of school because of sickness. A speedy recovery before Christmas is wished for her by all.

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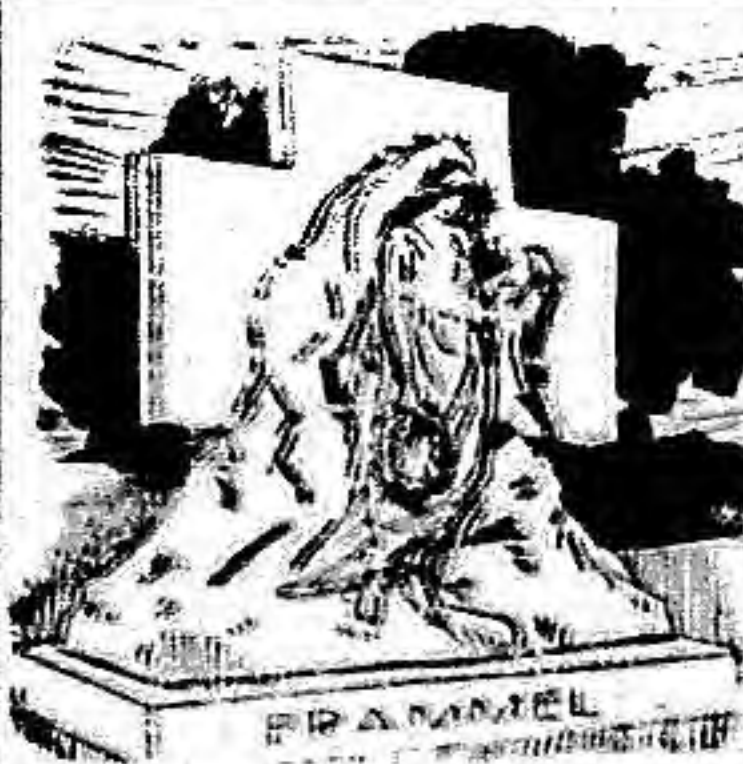
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On The Alleys

While most of the bowlers

have been resting up from the

Christmas festivities, the Mon-

day Night Ladies' League (who

said anything about the weaker

sex) were at their bowling

chores Monday as usual. Duds

went into the league lead with

27 points. Humbugs settled into

second place with 25, while

three teams, Owls, Nitwits and

Shmoos, are tied at 22 points

each. Blanks trail the pack with

but 14 markers.

Can't seem to keep Edna Mc-

Grath away from being top

bowler. Her high triple 599

(181-194-224) led the parade.

Mimi Victor with 555 (211-190-

154) earned her a runner-up.

Phil McInnis with 551, Bea Daly

542, Marlan Stark 500, Claire

Pollock 508, and Hazel Bowser

504, followed in that order.

Rene Abbott's 255 was high

single. Kitty Rudock's 229

single also rates a mention.

The Davis Leather League had

their Christmas fowl bowl last

Wednesday with Andy Cullen's

team with 3,300 total carrying

off the major loot. Bill Towns-

ley's sextet finished 40 points be-

hind with 3,260 total.

Well men, you can't always

keep the ladies from breaking

into the limelight. Ernie Ben-

neltz, manager at the North End

HOPE

(Delayed) On January 2, Sunday-school and church service will be held in fourth school house at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Miss Greta Gibson, Newmarket, spent the weekend at her home.

Mrs. Jim Breen has been confined in bed with a stroke. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stickwood, Chatham, had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stickwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cones, Newmarket, had supper on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Post.

Mr. John Morrison, Richmond Hill, spent a few days last week with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morrison.

SNOWBALL

Miss Sandra Harding, assisted by her sister, Peggie, and pupils of both teachers gave several musical selections at a Christmas concert for Snowball school children. Santa arrived and all children received a present and a bag of candies. A good time was had by all.

Snowball lost one of its oldest residents with the passing of Mr. Wm. Appleton who was in his 86th year.

Mr. Ernie Phripp spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farnen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gould and family spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Russell Hughes, and family of Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Storey spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack LePard.

Lois Blum is spending her Christmas holidays with her godparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brokenshire.

We are all sorry to hear that Mrs. Wm. Davidson had to spend Christmas in York County hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Morning and Jean spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arwood Cairns, Eversley.

Miss Ruth Webb is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Hazel Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beckett spent the holidays with Mrs. Beckett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McDowell, Grand Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reddick spent the holiday with their relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taylor, Stayner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morning and son, John, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morning and family.

Miss Doris Mitchell is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell.

The Misses Beth and Bernice Copson are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

C. Copson.
Mr. Jack Adams is home for an extended holiday.

ZEPHYR

(Delayed) Please note that commencing January 3 and continuing during the winter months, Emma's Robertson's and Galbraith's General Stores of Zephyr will be closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mayers, Farns and Donna, Newmarket, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Meyers on Sunday.

Mr. Raymond Bastille is spending this week at his home.

Mr. Robertson, St. and Mrs. Jeffery, Prince Albert, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Robertson on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Meyers visited relatives in Weston on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rose and Donna, Newmarket, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snowden on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ludlow and Eddy have moved into Mr. Clarence Pickering's house. Mr. Ludlow is the C.N.R. night operator at the station. We welcome them to our community.

PINE ORCHARD

(Delayed) Young People's met last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock, Richmond Hill, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Edwards, Cedar Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Baxter and Paul, Mrs. W. J. McCallum, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. William Lundy, Mrs. Ross Armitage, Miss Joan Tidman, Messrs. Ted Tidman, Ray Lundy, Delbert and William Dike, Danny Kmet, Newmarket, and Douglas McCallum, Toronto, were guests at McCallum-McDonald wedding on Saturday.

Miss Blossom Fortingell, Sutton West, spent Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lundy.

Messrs. W. L. Armitage, Harold Armitage and Mrs. W. J. McCallum, Toronto, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Armitage.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don McCallum on their recent marriage.

Rev. N. Rowan delivered a Christmas message on subject, "The forgotten man at Christmas". The choir sang two splendid Christmas anthems under leadership of Mrs. G. P. Wood. There was a good response of white gifts for Fred Victor Mission, Toronto.

KETTLEBY

(Delayed) We wish everyone in the whole community a Happy Christmas.

Mrs. Evan Turnbull is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Minerva, in Toronto.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, was a happy day for Christ church congregation when 130 of them met in the parish hall for a delicious supper followed by carol singing, a one-act play put on by the teenagers, recitations by most of the smaller children, piano solos by Miss Doris Wood and Miss Lois Marchant. Stories and conjuring tricks by Mr. Carley were enjoyed by all. To crown the evening, Santa came to visit at 9:30 p.m. and gave every child a present, a parcel from the Christmas tree and a huge bag of candy, nuts, etc., and like the fairy stories, they all went home happy.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY
Newmarket—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary today. They celebrated the occasion on December 27 at the home of their son, Robert Miller, Toronto.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WHITCHURCH TOWNSHIP
YOUR SUPPORT IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR
Edward Logan

AS REEVE FOR 1949
Thanking you for past support, six years as councillor and three as deputy-reeve.
ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 1949

TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH
YOUR VOTE IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR
Ivan McLaughlin
AS DEPUTY-REEVE FOR 1949
I have given faithful and careful consideration to all municipal issues as councillor for the last four years.
VOTING TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 1949

VANDORF

Mr. and Mrs. Cookson, Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. C. Odbert and son, Gary, St. Mary's, Mr. and Mrs. John Cookson, Woodbridge, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pogue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dewar, Susan and Wendy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dewar and Doris and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Morley and Billy had Christmas supper with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gilles, Mrs. W. Powell, Miss Lottie Atkinson, Aurora, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kingdon and Bill spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse and family of Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kingston were guests at the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cousins, Aurora, who were celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

Miss Marian van Nostrand is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. van Nostrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur van Nostrand, Maslin, George, Vandorf, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Currie, Bradford, were guests at the wedding of Miss Marion Anglin, Toronto.

Dr. and Mrs. McQuarrie and daughter, Margaret, Easton, Penn., U.S.A., are spending a few days with Mrs. Cole and Perle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reeve and family of Galt, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ewen and family of Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Jarvis and family of Blackwater, Mr. Albert Thaxter and Marie, Uxbridge, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allin, Murray and Shirley spent Christmas with Mrs. Percy Allin, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. William Yake and Bill had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yake, Aurora.

Miss Sylvia Smith, Toronto, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Bostwick spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Steven Komar.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sproston and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mackey spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oliver and family of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Addison, Patsy and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rowbottom and Shirley, Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowbottom and daughter, Louise, and Mr. Donald Rowbottom, Toronto, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grant and Phyllis.

Mr. Donald Metcalfe, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkey, Bryan and Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petch and Bob were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brammer and Betty, Newmarket, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Loucks, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loucks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Richardson, Betty and Bill, Mr. W. D. Richardson and Mr. Bill Bentley spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford and family and Mrs. Wm. Graham.

(Delayed) Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morley had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. Oliver.

Miss Audrey Switzer spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, Murray and Shirley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Graham.

Mrs. Gray and son, Norman, Scarborough Bluffs, Mr. VanBuren, Toronto, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grant.

A meeting concerning the Blue Cross hospitalization plan is being held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 8, at the home of Mrs. Walter Graham. All the members interested are requested to attend. Congratulations are extended to Rev. and Mrs. Addison on the arrival of their baby daughter, also to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Moynihan on the arrival of their baby daughter.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. H. Slaeth when the ladies packed 17 boxes for the shut-ins of the community.

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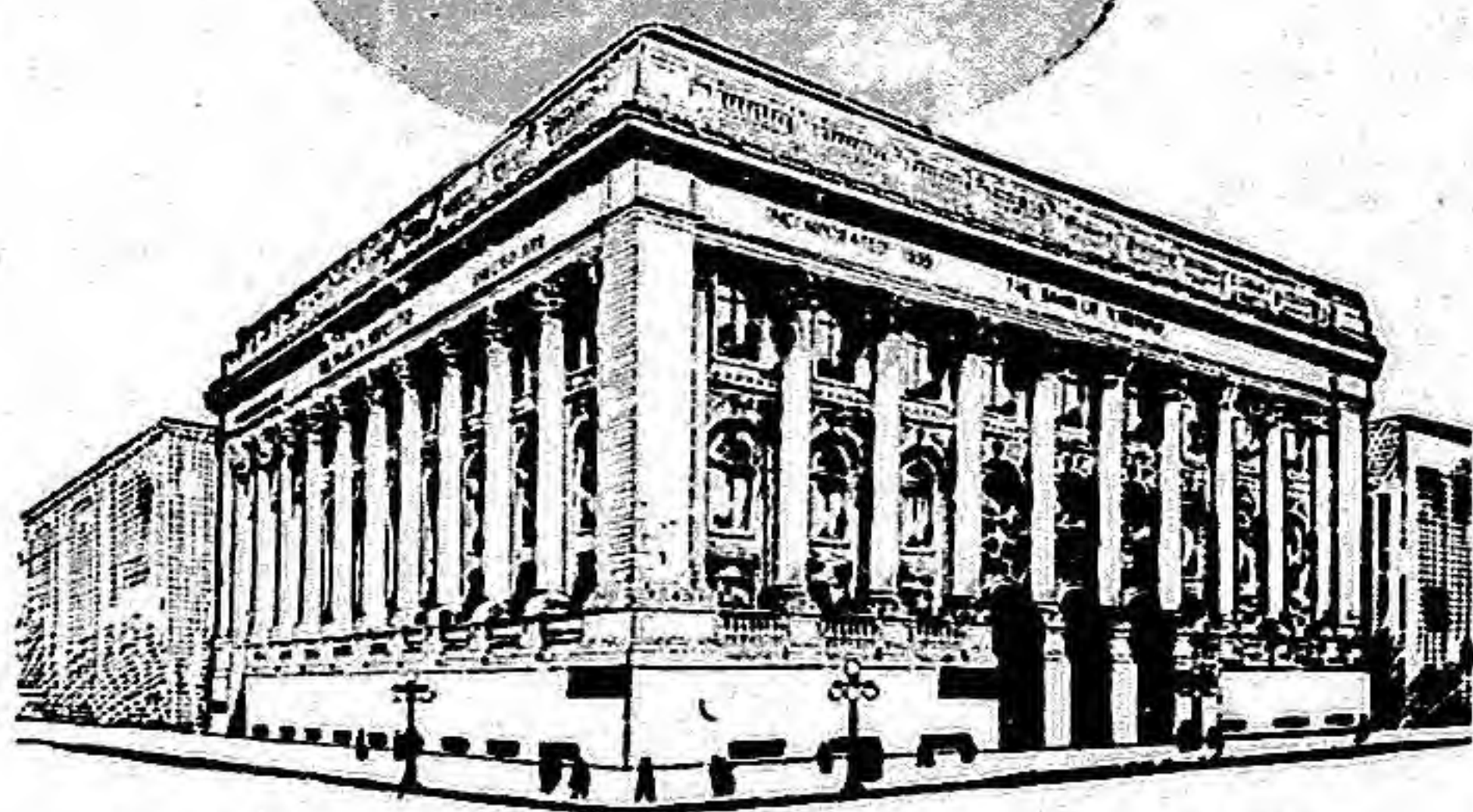
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93rd ANNUAL STATEMENT



Statement as on 30th November, 1948

ASSETS	
Cash and Deposit with Bank of Canada	\$ 42,561,799.70
Notes and Cheques on Other Banks	25,769,555.18
Deposits with Other Banks	6,696,347.12
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	213,968,162.63
Municipal and Other Securities	8,494,765.00
Call Loans (Secured)	
Total Quick Assets (71.0% of total liabilities to the public)	\$ 297,493,629.63
Commercial and Other Loans	\$129,626,209.99
Bank Premises	5,053,517.74
Letters of Credit and Acceptances	3,963,294.06
Other Assets	238,433.99
Total Assets	\$ 436,375,065.43
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	\$ 410,126,578.73
Notes in Circulation	611,166.00
Letters of Credit as per contra	3,963,294.06
Liabilities to the public not included under foregoing heads	258,545.03
Total Liabilities to the Public	\$ 414,959,583.82
Dividends and Bonus Declared and Unpaid	306,713.72
Capital	6,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	14,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,114,787.87
Total Liabilities	\$ 436,375,065.43
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	
Profits for the year ended 30th November 1948, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserve out of which full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$ 2,113,294.85
Less: Depreciation on Bank Premises and Equipment	178,889.43
	\$ 1,934,405.42
Provision for Dominion and Provincial Government Taxes	743,594.13
	\$ 1,190,811.29
Dividends and Bonus	810,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	\$ 380,811.29
Balance of Profit and Loss Account 29th November, 1947	763,967.58
Balance of Profit and Loss Account 30th November, 1948	\$ 1,144,778.87
J. L. CARSON, President	L. G. GILLET, General Manager

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Happy New Year

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—Miss Kate Wood, Hamilton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sorensen over the Christmas holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan, Toronto, spent Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Courson.

—Mr. John Hunter, Hamilton, was home for Christmas.

—Miss Kay van Neman, Toronto, spent Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Hamilton.

—Mrs. James Shaker spent Christmas at the home of her daughter in London Mills, Toronto, and will remain for an extended visit.

—Miss May Keuth spent Christmas with relatives in Maple.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shargess and family spent Christmas with relatives in Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sedore, Jackson's Point, spent Christmas with relatives in town.

—Mrs. Charles Evans and Albert spent Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Ryan, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stan Evans spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Thornhill.

—Mrs. Anne Henry, who is teaching school in Uxbridge, is home for Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. Bolton spent Christmas at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton, Toronto, getting acquainted with their new grandson, born December 17.

—Mr. Ted Bayman, Cobourg, formerly of Newmarket, expects to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day renewing acquaintances with friends here.

—The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brown was christened Leslie Victor, at College Street United church, Toronto, on Dec. 19.

—Miss Florence Chantler, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chantler.

—Mr. C. E. Wheeland left for Nipigon on Tuesday after spending Christmas at home with his wife and son.

—Miss Geraldine Caruso and Miss Frances Caruso, Brampton, are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bondi.

—Weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Annie Sanderson included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gardner, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Halloran, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thivierge and daughters, Wilda and Eleanor of St. Catharines, Douglas Wilson and Billie Firth, Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson, Bowmanville, Mr. Rowland Gagnier, St. Catharines, Mr. and Mrs. Rickman Sanderson and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanderson, Belleville.

—Mr. Jeffrey Wallinger, Lansing, was a guest for the Christmas weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Broadbent.

—Mrs. A. D. Evans received a "Merry England" calendar containing photographs of famous British scenes from Mrs. Gladys Morse, Pickering, England, a recipient of the Newmarket parcels to Britain.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nellis and sons, Paul and David, were visiting in Toronto on Christmas Day.

—Visitors on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Evans were Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Paynter and Janeen, and Mr. and Mrs. George Barker, Sharon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beckett and Kenneth visited on Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grant, Toronto.

—Bob Spear is home from Western University, London, for the Christmas holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones and family at Burlington.

—Mrs. V. Barker, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Laura Barker, spent Christmas Day with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Cooper, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sine and boys visited in Brooklyn over the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Sine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jephson.

—Bob Wheeland is home from Queen's University for the Christmas holidays.

—Miss Kathleen Mathews is home from Branksome Hall for the mid-season holidays.

—Mrs. G. Blanchard and daughter, Helen, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Myrland Blanchard of the fourth concession.

—Mr. Mel. Pipher, Toronto, spent the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Haines.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brown and son, Leslie, spent Christmas in Toronto at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Brown.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grath and son of Detroit visited over the holiday with Mrs. W. Calvert.

—Mrs. R. V. Mathews, Toronto, is spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Mathews and Kathleen.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Tolchard and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calvert, Toronto, were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. W. Calvert.

—Ken Broughton was home from Galt for the Christmas weekend.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denne entertained at dinner on Monday evening the following guests: Miss Betty Dove and Mr. Eldon Boyd of Unionville, Mr. Donald Baldson and Mr. and Mrs. M. Schrank and daughter, Margaret.

—Mr. and Mrs. Murlin Ash and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robson and daughter, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Ash and two children of Wilcox Lake spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. William Ash.

—Misses Doreen and Geraldine Close and Mr. Gordon Close spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Ball, Aurora.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Broughton and son, Darrell, St. Catharines, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Broughton.

—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gould over Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Church and Mr. James Church, Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Covert and daughter Marilyn of Barrie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Curtis, accompanied by their children, Jimmie, Wayne and Lois, of Gravenhurst, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Church and daughter Linda, and Mr. Herb. Fraser of Bradford.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. White, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. Robt. Harland, and Mr. Harland.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hammond, Toronto, spent the holiday weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baldson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baldson spent the holiday weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Turner, Orangeville.

—Guests for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brammer were Mr. Edgar Brammer, and Mr. and Mrs. John Petch and Bob Gormley.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Cameron and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. Lepard, Hilltop Inn, Clearville.

—Miss Shirley Ann Cameron is spending the holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Reading, Toronto.

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The Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Muirhead. The guest speaker will be Rev. M. R. Brown of Keswick, and Mrs. L. B. Pollock will give a paper on Historical Research. The hostesses are to be Mrs. C. Sturdy, Mrs. Muirhead and Mrs. T. Lowndes.

The Jersey Sunday-school will revert to 11 o'clock opening on Sunday, Jan. 2. Parents kindly note the change from 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Fairbairn were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Sr., Mr. Lloyd Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Les Bentley and Steven spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Miller Sedore.

Miss Donna Anderson has been successful in obtaining a splendid position in Toronto with Cluett and Peabody's. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Pearson, Jim and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose and Kay, and Mrs. C. R. Montgomery, Toronto, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowndes.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Dawson included Mr. Frank Dawson, Edith and May Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawson, Dianne and Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hirst.

Mr. Tom Hirst spent Christmas with his daughter in Willowdale. Mr. Armitage of Toronto is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pollock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lunn had their two daughters and sons-in-law home for Christmas.

BELHAVEN

Union Street Women's Institute were welcome guests at the December meeting of the Belhaven Institute at the home of Mrs. Will Anderson. Plans were made for the annual packing of Christmas baskets for the shut-ins.

A Christmas program was given by the visiting Institute. This was much enjoyed by all present. A paper, "Christmas Customs of Other Lands," was read by Mrs. Roy Cowleson. Mrs. Willard Cryderman gave a Christmas poem. Mrs. W. Micks took charge of a contest, the prizes being won by Mrs. Bernard Davidson and Mrs. Claude Yorke. An interesting demonstration was given by Mrs. Tom Swanson. The Misses Diceman gave several selections on their guitars.

Mr. T. H. Horner, Churchill, visited at the home of his son, Mr. Harry Horner, for a few days prior to Christmas.

Mr. Donald Winch and Miss Phyllis Winch are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lockie of London spent a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Lockie.

Miss Main is visiting Mrs. Bird for a few days. Our local teachers, Miss Stiles and Mrs. Glover, and the children of both schools are to be congratulated on their concert. A happy holiday to all.

KING TOWNSHIP

Ray Marshall was appointed to the high school area board by King twp. council at a meeting at the twp. office, Nobleton, on Wednesday, Dec. 15. All members of council were present.

A cheque was authorized to the Aurora high school district board for \$9,350.77, King township's share of the levy for the year. A cheque was also authorized for the several school sections and union school sections. The total amount for the year was \$42,635.72. To the county of York, a cheque was authorized for \$28,835.28, the amount for the 1940 county levy.

Other cheques were authorized for the following: \$250 to the town of Aurora as a retainer fee for the fire brigade services for the last year; \$250 to the village of Schomberg as a retainer fee for the fire brigade services; \$25.37 to the county of York as the township's share of hospitalization for October; \$10 to Judge F. G. J. McDonagh for attendance at assessment appeals; \$90 to Chas. Walton to cover the loss of sheep worried by dogs and \$4 to William Hodgson for valuating the loss.

KESWICK

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Winch and family of Belhaven and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ward, Sutton West, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ferry Winch, Sr.

Mrs. McKenstry and Betty spent the Christmas weekend in Toronto. Mr. McKenstry going for Christmas Day.

Misses Olive and Doreen Niles, Toronto, and Miss Olive Niles, Newmarket, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fisher, St. Catharines, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Harron and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Armitage, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. Waldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hodgkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Byron King and son, Wayne, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Orville King.

Miss May Sprague spent Christmas with her brother, Major Sprague, and Mrs. Sprague, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morton, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Prosser.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Holborn and family of Belhaven, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holborn and daughter of Ravenshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Munroe King and son of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. Wm. Holborn.

Next Sunday morning the service in the United church will be celebrated as Communion Sunday. May this be the most meaningful Communion of this year as we again consecrate our lives to the service of the Prince of Peace. There will also be a Baptism service. Any other parents wishing baptism for their children please notify the clerk of session, Mr. O. M. King, or the minister, Rev. M. R. Brown. The annual meeting of the congregation is scheduled for January 12.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



A young man and I were talking one day about a mutual friend who was noted for his unflinching cheerfulness.

"I envy him," said my young visitor, "because he is so happy and because his good nature makes him so popular. I could never be like that. Too many things get me down."

"You seem to think that all cheerful people are born that way," I replied. "But while there may be some 'born optimists', the rest of us can do a lot to boost our spirits if we try."

I then asked him how he acted when he was feeling really happy.

"Oh," he replied, "I whistle, kid people along, and I guess I smile more often."

"Then try doing all those things even when you don't feel like it," I suggested. "You'll be surprised how it helps make the sun shine. And start now!"

He smiled. I smiled back. His smile widened. "I begin to see what you mean," he said.

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